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CEO OF GHANA CHAMBER OF MINES CALLS FOR DEEPER COLLABORATION WITH MINING STAKEHOLDERS

The Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Chamber of Mines, Dr. Sulemanu Koney has called for deeper collaboration between stakeholders within mining communities and mining companies for mutual benefits and socio-economic development.

Dr. Koney emphasized that mining was a catalyst for development, hence the presence of a mining company ought to bring a lot of opportunities for the community members and the State.

The CEO made the call when he paid a working visit to the Western North Region and met with the Regional Minister, Hon. Rocky Joojo Obeng, Management of Chirano Gold Mine, Mensin Gold Limited Bibiani, Sefwi Wiawso Municipal Security Council, Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Council, Sefwi Anhwianso Traditional Council and Sefwi Chirano Traditional Council.

Speaking with the Regional Minister, Hon. Rocky Joojo Obeng, the CEO stressed the need to strengthen the partnership between the mining company and the Regional Coordinating Council to ensure that the benefits of mining are used by the local communities to promote sustainable development.

The Minister on his part assured Dr. Koney of his support for Chirano Gold Mines and said, “it was important to provide the community with another source of livelihood which transcends the life of mine”.

In a discussion with the Sefwi Wiawso Municipal Security Committee (MUSEC), Dr. Koney reiterated the need for the Committee to ensure adequate security for the mine and the community at large.

Members of the MUSEC affirmed their commitment to providing adequate security and commended Chirano Gold Mines for their support over the period. MUSEC further urged Chirano Gold Mines to proactively resolve community grievances to forestall agitations.

At the palaces of the three paramountcies, the CEO urged the Chiefs to continue to support Chirano Gold Mines and Mensin Gold Limited, especially as the companies were going through a transition.

The Chiefs on their part called for more employment for the youth from the communities and urged the mining companies to employ the trained youth. They further requested for a continuous engagement to address any community concerns.



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At end of the visit, the CEO reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to working closely with the regional administrations, traditional councils, and mine management to foster responsible mining practices, promote community development, and ensure sustainable growth of the Western North Region.

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Notes to the Editor

The Ghana Chamber of Mines is the main minerals industry association in Ghana. The Chamber represents the collective interests of companies involved in mineral exploration, production and processing in Ghana. Its member companies produce over 60 per cent of Ghana's mineral output. The Chamber has represented the industry's interests since 1928.